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TECH DEFEATS LOWELL.

Score 31-15. Game Slow and Marred by Fouls.

In a slow game of basketball at the Gym Thursday evening, Tech easily defeated Lowell Textile, 31 to 15. The boys from Lowell were unable to check the passing of the Tech forwards, although not once did the home team reach the standard of hard, aggressive team play set by them in the recent Brown game.

Textile's playing in the first half was noticeably weak, their forwards being able to secure but two baskets to Tech's seven; but in the second half they waked up and, with Brainard in at forward, were able to raise their score. The game, though slow, was marred by unnecessary roughness, and the referee was obliged to call fouls repeatedly.

Bill Pierce was the star of the game for Tech and seemed to be the only man who could find the basket. Brainard did the best basket work for the Textile quintet, while Captain Gay kept Pierce hustling at the center position.

The summary:

M. I. T.	LOWELL TEXTILE.
Kinnear, l.f.	r.b., Brainard (Ellis)
Gregory (Campbell), r.f.	l.b., Stott
Pierce, c.	c., Gay
Nichols, l.b.,	r.f., Bunce
Wentworth, r.b.	l.f., Fiske (Brainard)

Score — M. I. T., 31; Lowell Textile, 15. Goals from floor — Pierce 7, Gregory 4, Kinnear 2, Wentworth 2, Brainard 4, Fiske, Bunce, Stott. Goals on fouls—Kinnear, Bunce. Fouls called—Brainard 3, Bunce, Gay, Gregory, Pierce. Fouls missed—Kinnear 4, Bunce. Referee — Whitmore. Timer — Banash. Time — 20-min. halves. Attendance — 100

RROF. LODGE TO ADDRESS MINERS.

A meeting of the Mining Engineering Society will be held Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 7.30 P.M. at the Union. Prof. R. W. Lodge of the Mining Engineering Department will give a talk on the activities at the new Cobalt district in Canada. Prof. Lodge spent a large part of last summer looking over this region and has a fund of good information for an instructive talk.

At the last meeting it was decided to withdraw the requirement conditions for entrance to membership and all of the undergraduates who are desirous of entering should be at the meeting or communicate with members regarding it.

TO HOLD JOINT DINNER.

No regular Kommers will be held next Saturday evening as the classes of 1898 and 1908 have engaged the Union for a dinner. This will be the first time in the history of the Institute that two "ten-year" classes have dined together and the occasion will undoubtedly mark a new epoch in undergraduate class activities. Tickets for the dinner will be on sale, beginning today, and, as the number is limited, the men of the Junior Class are advised by the committee in charge to get their tickets as early as possible.

A MUNICIPAL CREED.

Written for the Intercollegiate Civic League by William Kent.

There are certain fundamental propositions of Municipal Civics that may be accepted as axioms. They are demonstrable in theory and are absolutely proven in practice. They have been nailed on the city hall doors as Luther nailed his articles on the cathedral doors, and no one can deny them. Without arguing, in the few words allowed me I would place them before the open-minded students of your organization.

1. Inasmuch as man is a social being his highest development, mentally and morally, is to be found where he can best mingle with his kind and where opportunity for co-operation is broadest and the necessity for co-operation is most insistent. The city, in history and in the natural history of the human animal, is the highest expression of his best side, the social side.

2. The "labor-saving device" of propinquity creates wealth in the city. The ease and cheapness with which such necessities as heat, light, transportation and shelter, may be purveyed, and the possible economies of a varied and suitable diet are further endowments of the city dweller. Educational opportunities, schools, newspapers, libraries, churches and theatres are further accretions to the commonwealth. Law and order and the public health should be more easily conserved than in rural communities.

3. American cities have hitherto been conspicuous failures in their local government and have tended to degrade both state and nation, and this in the face of the fact that they represent and hold the finest products of our civilization.

4. Primarily the cause of municipal rottenness has been neglect and ignorance. Only very few people have ever realized that city government is nearer to the health, well-being and every other selfish interest of the city dweller, than is the government of state or nation. Fewer yet see in city administration the highest possibilities for philanthropy through social amelioration.

The municipal problems and policies have been stupidly mixed with irrelevant national questions, to the wrecking of the cities and the debasement of the nation.

5. The commonwealth, created by congested population, not having been appreciated by its creators or conserved by them, has become the spoil of individuals and of public service corporations. The dividends paid on watered capital for service inherently and properly monopolistic in its nature, is definite proof that city dwellers are paying too much for transportation, light, heat, and telephone service.

Upon no ground of public policy is there an excuse for private owners to secure to themselves the tremendous renting values created in land by the congested community.

6. The public utility corporations, licensed by the city government, have proven the worst

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LAWRENCE LIGHT GUARD MEET

Tech Unsuccessful. Todd's Loss Keenly Felt. R. H. Allen Stars.

The annual meet of the Lawrence Light Guards held at Medford Thursday night was a disappointment from the Tech standpoint. In the 35-yard dash, Richards, Gould, Moses and Gram all got into the semi-finals, but were there defeated by fast men on the high marks. Richards was in the same heat with Billy Eaton and beat him, but neither got a place. Todd, who has won the dash for the last two years, was unable to run on account of an injury received from his fall at the B. A. A. Meet. The dash was won by Lyozzalchi R. M. T. S. (7 ft.) Time, 4 1-5 sec. In the high hurdles Albro was shut out in the semi-finals by Doyle, a Harvard man.

R. H. Allen was the redeeming feature for Tech as he won the high jump, doing 6 ft. 1 3-8 inches, 1 7-8 inches better than at the B. A. A. He was the only Tech man to get a first place in the meet. Chapman ran in the 440-yard dash and Mills was in the mile, but although they ran well, neither got a place.

An incident happened in one of the prep school relays which was laughable in the extreme to the spectators, but just the reverse to the participant. The left shoe of one of the runners came off and after running a lap the other shoe also, so that he had to finish the race barefooted.

The relay team was handicapped at the start by the loss of Todd. Gould ran first against Johnnie Mahew, the Brown football star, and passed him, but on the lap Mahew gained and gave his successor a lead of one yard. Blackburn, Tech's second man passed Houiss in fine style and gave Gimson a lead of three yards over Thurlow, the Brown Captain. Thurlow, however, proved too much for Gimson and beat him by about a quarter of a lap. Gram, Tech's last man, gained on Prout in the first two laps, but could then only hold his own, and was beaten by about 20 yards. Time, 3 min. 5 1-2 sec.

W. W. Coe of the B.A.A. broke the world's record for putting the 8 lb. shot, making a throw of 63 ft. 1 7-8 in., 1 ft. 4 3-8 in. better than the old record.

PROF. TALBOT ADDRESSES SOCIETY.

Prof. Henry P. Talbot gave a most interesting address on "The Modifications of Old Chemical Theories by Recent Discoveries" before the Chemical Society on Wednesday evening. The chief topic of the speech was radium and the various experiments that have been made with it.

Owing to the difficulty of reaching the Union in the snow only twenty-five of the forty members were present. The meeting, however, was considered a very noticeable one, for Treas. A. Z. Burwell reported that the Society had never been in better financial conditions, there being some forty dollars surplus in the treasury.

CALENDAR.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25.

1.00 P.M. Meeting of THE TECH Board of Editors in 30 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
4.15 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Y. M. C. A.
4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26.

1.00 P.M. Freshman Class Meeting in Huntington Hall.
4.15 P.M. Tech Show Principals Rehearsal at the Union.
5.00 P.M. Class Day Committee Meeting in 26 Rogers.
8.00 P.M. Basketball, Tech vs. Tufts, and Tech 2nd vs. Tufts 2nd at Medford.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.

FACULTY NOTICES.

French Colloquium — Will be held Mondays and Thursdays from 4 to 5, in 22 Lowell. Instructor, Mr. Blackstein.

Intermediate Spanish.—A section in Intermediate Spanish, first term, has been formed to recite to Mr. Erhardt in 21 Lowell, commencing Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 9 o?clock. The other hour will be announced at the first meeting.

Second Year Calculus. The following is a list of the present small sections in Calculus: $I_{(2)}$, $I_{(1b)}$, V_5, $II_{(2b)}$, $III_{(1b,2)}$, IV, $VI_{(2)}$, VIII, XII.

NOTICES.

Ohio Club Meeting. — Thursday, Feb. 28 at 1 o'clock. Ten minutes or so. Short meeting but important business. All Ohio men urged to be on hand.

1910.—There will be a meeting of the Freshman Class in Huntington Hall at 1 P.M. tomorrow.

Literature for Sailors.—Students are invited to send literature to Mr. Wm. McIver, Steward of the Tech Union, to be distributed by the Boston Seaman's Friend Society among the sailors in Boston Harbor.

Class Day Committee. — There will be a very important meeting of the Class Day Committee tomorrow in 26 Rogers at 5 o'clock. Sub-committees to be appointed and plan of work laid out.

Exeter Club. — The annual banquet of the New England Association of Alumni of Phillips Exeter Academy will be held at Young's Hotel, Boston, at seven o'clock Friday, March 1. All graduates and former students of the Academy are cordially invited to attend.

Missouri Club.—The Missouri Club will hold a dinner at the Union Friday, March 8, at 6.30 P.M. All men who have at any time been in Missouri are eligible to membership and are requested to inform the secretary, A. F. Herold, '09, at once.

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Five Weekly Exams.

At the end of his second year at Tech the average student feels in an indefinite kind of a way that he has passed another milestone in his educational career and is entering upon the last stage of academic life. The four years of training at the Institute divide themselves very naturally into two epochs, the characteristics of which are more or less different in kind and degree although similarities of end and means link them together. In the third and fourth years the student begins seriously to attack his professional work and experiences a greater sense of freedom from restraint than is the case during the two preceding years. One of the principal, or at any rate most obvious differences is the discontinuance of the intermediate examinations. By many this is hailed with delight, especially toward the beginning of the term, but as the semi-annual examinations approach there is apt to be a revulsion of feeling, and the student is sometimes even heard to complain that the lack of any spur to hold him up to his work during the term has thrown an unduly heavy burden upon his shoulders in the time immediately preceding examinations. The Faculty, however, have definite reasons for this change of policy toward the students during their junior and senior years, and the statement of a few of these reasons may not be out of place.

The average student on reaching his junior year is about 21 years of age, and it is not unnatural to assume that he is fitted to practice self-reliance and has learned to stand up on his own feet by the time he has reached man's estate. In this connection it is interesting to contrast the English and German viewpoints. The English preparatory school exercises moderate restraint over the actions of the scholars which lessens gradually as they rise to the upper classes. In this way when the young man enters college he is not violently thrown upon his own resources, but enjoys gradually as it were the rights of manhood. Even in the college, however, the dons keep a watchful eye on him and coaches are not lacking at any period of his career to aid the tardy student. The German "gymnasium" on the contrary treats the boys as little better than overgrown children and the consequence is, that when the young man enters college where nobody cares, within limits, how he conducts or often misconducts himself, he usually sows a plentiful crop of wild oats. Tech stands between these two ideas and insists during the first two years at college that the student shall show every five weeks that he is not wasting his time.

In the junior and senior years the Faculty assumes that the men realize their opportunities and will not squander them. This indeed is more than an assumption, for a professor recently stated that there seems to exist a peculiar physcological change in the characteristics of a man about the age at which most students pass from their sophomore to their junior year. This change is very noticeable to the instructing staff. The men become steadier, more willing to accept responsibility, and broader in their views toward instruction in general. It is therefore very unlikely that the Faculty will ever continue the intermediate examination beyond the sophomore year, since such a step would mean the withdrawal of one of the greatest incentives to the cultivation of self-reliance and self-control which exists at the Institute.

READING NOTICES.

Mr. William Jennings Bryan will speak at Tremont Temple Thursday evening, March 14, on "The value of an Ideal." He comes at the invitation of a strictly non-political organization, and will not speak anywhere else in New England. Through the kindness of the committee a limited number of seats will be offered to the students of the Institute in a block. The demand is such that it will be practically impossible to secure seats this offer, and it is hoped that the Institute will make a good showing. All who want tickets (price 50c.) leave note at Cage before 2 P.M. Feb. 26, for J. F. Johnston, '07.

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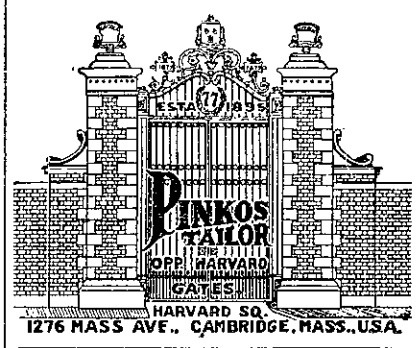

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COMMUNICATION.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

It has recently been stated that the alumni so far as there has been a chance to ascertain, have shown a desire for the introduction of Caps and Gowns. It would be extremely interesting to know if inquiry has extended beyond the first dozen.

If Caps and Gowns are adopted by the Seniors, those same Caps and Gowns will be worn but once and then laid aside. Were they to be worn throughout the Senior year, as is customary in many colleges, at gatherings and convocations, there would be one argument for their introduction.

However, it seems hardly just to set a standard to which everyone must conform regardless of the additional expenditure, slight as it may be. To do so would be a breach of that Technology spirit which calls upon all to regard the interests of their fellow students.

A short while ago, at a formal dinner attended by many influential men, John Mitchell, the great labor leader, was present. True to his democratic beliefs he appeared in an ordinary business suit. For that no one will condemn him as narrow minded. Shall we say that the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is narrow minded because it refuses to say that a man must dress at graduation in some cetain manner; because it refuses to introduce Caps and Gowns? Shall we so far forget ourselves as to do this and thus knock out one prop from under the democratic spirit of Technology?

It is well to remember in this connection that all truly great work has been done and completed in the most unostentatious manner. Jack Williams when he completed that tunnel through Bald Knob Mountain did not find it necessary to appear in some formal dress before his chief when he reported its completion and received his chief's commendation for the manner in which he had carried out the instructions given to him. Shall we when we report to our President and receive his approval in the form of a degree, do it in any other than the simplest manner? Shall we violate the spirit in which a true "Tech" man attacks his work and finishes it?

In the heart of every "Tech" man there is an ambition to rise, to gain the respect of men, to occupy position, to have the power to direct others in their work. Such an aim is right. There will come a time when by means of this ambition together with hard work and courage every "Tech" man will have reached his goal. Then comes the test. Will he strive to forget his grimy face, his calloused hands, his soiled, dirty overalls? Will he turn away from the plain, simple ways of his fight to the aristocratic fashions of those who surround him? Will he look down with contempt on the workman who occupies the seat beside him and wish to have obtained the same ends by a less despicable route? Will he sneer at the old-fashioned graduation of yesterday?

There is a great movement now in this country to establish artificial class distinctions, artificial rules and regulations. All respect for the sturdy, democratic ways of our fathers is gone. We apologize for the bluntness, the coarseness(?) of Andrew Jackson. No longer do we admire the action of Jefferson in riding alone, unattended, up to the Capitol building, tying the bridle reins of his horse to a fence, entering, taking his oath. All that is past. We must array ourselves in Cap and Gown now. The way of the old graduate has become obsolete.

Will the Faculty permit this? Will they tell us that the introduction of Caps and Gowns is not an indication of the tendency towards caste distinctions? Are they going to deny their innermost soul which is saying all the time that the contrary is true?

We, therefore, make this appeal to the Faculty.

Gentlemen: With you lies the decision as to whether or not a few men are to be permitted to override the spirit of reciprocal care among "Tech" men; with you rests the burden of saying whether or not the Massachusetts Institute of Technology shall lower its high purpose to the despicable plane of being willing to make a display, to become unrepublican and undemocratic: with you is the decision as to whether or not the true Technology is to continue its existence. Gentlemen, we await your verdict, hopefully.

TREMONT THEATRE.

Mr. Robert Mantell, long absent from Boston, will appear here, in the Tremont Theatre, on Monday night, February 25, when he will begin a three weeks engagement in the plays of Shakespere. Mr. Mantell is now the only English-speaking player of the first class engaged in acting the great tragic roles of Shakespere; and, from all accounts, he has been immensely successful in this field of work in all of the large cities of the United States and Canada, save Boston, where he has not yet been seen in his new repertoire.

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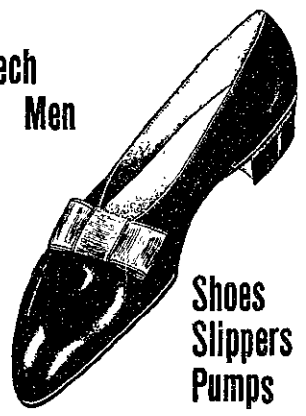
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enemies of those governments. They create corruption and live on the corruption they create. Back of every "Boss," back of every evil board of aldermen, will be found the public utility corporation demanding exorbitant prices for monopoly service, and owned and directed by "leading" and "respected" citizens.

Unless the water be squeezed out of these corporations and they enter into quasi-partnership with the cities, giving service at fairly remunerative rates in consideration of enjoying a protected monopoly, they must and will be superseded by municipal ownership. Unless these corporations cease meddling in city politics and desist from corrupting city officials, they must be destroyed at whatever cost. The day of the "deacon director" who buys a council through "leading lawyers" must come to an end.

Legislative corruption breeds administrative corruption, and over against debauched aldermen, we universally find a corrupt political police force. The machine, with corporation money behind it, needs votes. The votes of the criminal and semi-criminal are easily controlled by the police. The threat that this lawless man must close this saloon according to ordinance, or that those others cannot have gambling, bunco or pocket-picking privileges, unless they are busy and "right" on election day,—such threats are sufficient to swing a surprising percentage of votes. Moreover there is, under such a system, every inducement to Corporation, Politician, and Policeman, to connive at the increase of vice and crime in this city. The criminals are continuously blackmailed by the police.

7. The remedies for this state of affairs, lamentably common in cities, must be found, first of all, in the intelligent enthusiasm of voters; almost any form of charter can be made to work, but there are certain things recognized as the prime requisites:

1. Nominations and elections independent of national parties and dates.

2. A minimum number of elective officers, mayor and council, and others appointive.

3. Nominations by petition or by direct primaries.

4. The merit system of public employment.

5. The right of municipalities to own and operate public utilities.

6. The right of a reasonable percentage of voters to demand a referendum on questions of grave public importance.

The real vital thing is to put honest, efficient, big men into office and that is desperately hard.

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LOWELL INST. COURSE POSTPONED.

The Twelfth Course announced for this season, and appointed to be given by Professor A. B. Hart on "The Real South," has been postponed, at his request, until next winter. The program for 1907-1908 will be ready about October 1, and may then be obtained on application (enclosing a stamped addressed envelope). W. T. Sedgwick, Curator.

The Sophomore Class is considering making an appeal to the Faculty to have the seats in Physics Lecture upholstered. They evidently do not intend to be physically as well as mentally tortured.

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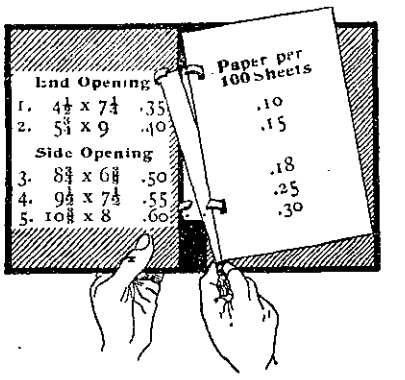

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